

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

It is noted with appreciation that claims 2, 3, 6-8, and 10 have been indicated to contain allowable subject matter.

The Examiner objected to claims 2, 3, and 10 as being dependent on a rejected base claim. Applicant has corrected this in the amended claims submitted herewith. Applicant believes that the submitted claims fulfill the statutory requirements. Thus, no further correction is needed.

Also on page 3 of the Office Action, the Examiner indicates in Paragraph 6 that claims 6-8 are would be allowable if amended to overcome the rejections set forth in the Office Action. Claims 6-8 have been amended herewith, and thus should be allowable. Accordingly, the claims should be in condition for allowance.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102

On page 2 of the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1, 4, 5, 9, and 11 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by either Vanderlugt, Jr. or Arneson. Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection.

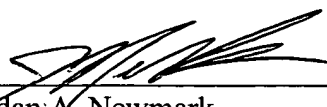
Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate therein the subject matter of claim 2, which has been cancelled. Claim 1 is, therefore, an independent form of original claim 2 and is, *prima facie*, in condition for allowance. Claims 4 and 5 have been cancelled. Similarly, claim 9 has been amended to incorporate therein the subject matter of claim 10, which has been cancelled. Claim 9 is, therefore, an independent form of original claim 10 and is, *prima facie*, in condition for allowance. Claim 11 has been cancelled.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that, as amended, each of the remaining claims 1, 3, and 6-9 are now in condition for allowance and the allowance thereof is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached sheet of drawings includes changes to Figs. 10 and 11. This sheet, which includes Figs. 10 and 11, replaces the original sheet including Figs. 10 and 11.

Attachment: Replacement Sheet